

Northern California's Stake

Unlike much of California, the northern third of the state supplies water to rather than, diverting water from – the Delta. Northern California has an important stake in that water, requiring plentiful groundwater and adequate river flows to support their homes, farms, and industries.

Watershed Management

CALFED's will provide financial and technical assistance to local watershed programs that benefit the Bay-Delta system. It will also facilitate and improve coordination and assistance among government agencies and local watershed groups, and support local education and outreach.

Ecosystem Restoration

CALFED has already invested in ecosystem restoration in Northern California. Future restoration projects could include set-back levees from Verona to Collinsville and meander belts north of Colusa, among many other activities.

Water Transfers Program

The CALFED Program Plan sets up a framework of actions, policies and processes that will facilitate water transfers on a statewide level. The framework also includes mechanisms to protect third-party impacts and assistance for groundwater protection programs.

Upstream Storage

CALFED is exploring upstream storage opportunities in the Sacramento Valley. New groundwater and/or surface water storage will be developed and constructed, along with aggressive implementation of water conservation, recycling and water transfers.

Levee System

Restoring and stabilizing the Delta levee system will protect valuable agricultural lands and habitat, water quality for all users, and water supply reliability.

Balance Between Delta Water Supply and Demand

Balance between Delta water supply and demand is one objective of CALFED. The Program seeks a balanced, fair way to reduce the mismatch between what water users need from the Delta and what the Delta can provide. Through equitable, thoughtful long-range planning, the Bay-Delta solution should reduce the possibility of future water supply crises and ad hoc efforts to redistribute water, clearly a benefit for the communities where water originates.

